

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 4113–4129; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 249–251; and H. Res. 808, 810–812 were introduced. **Pages H13411–12**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H13412–13**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3315, to provide that the great hall of the Capitol Visitor Center shall be known as Emancipation Hall (H. Rept. 110–436);

H.R. 3387, to update and improve the codification of title 46, United States Code, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–437); and

H. Res. 809, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3996) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions (H. Rept. 110–438). **Page H13411**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H13301**

United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act: The House passed H.R. 3688, to implement the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, by a yea-and-nay vote of 285 yeas to 132 nays, Roll No. 1060. Consideration of the measure began on Wednesday, November 7th. **Pages H13305–11**

H. Res. 801, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Wednesday, November 7th.

Question of Consideration: The House agreed to consider H. Res. 806, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3222) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 1061. **Pages H13312–14**

Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2008: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3222, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, by a yea-and-nay vote of 400 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 1064. **Pages H13311–29**

H. Res. 806, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 226 yeas to 184 noes, Roll No. 1063, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 1062. **Pages H13312–21**

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment and agreed to a conference on H.R. 3074, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. **Pages H13329–30**

Agreed to the Knollenberg motion to instruct conferees by a recorded vote of 397 yeas to 16 noes, Roll No. 1067. **Page H13330**

Appointed as conferees: Representatives Olver, Pastor, Rodriguez, Kaptur, Price (NC), Cramer, Roybal-Allard, Berry, Obey, Knollenberg, Wolf, Aderholt, Walsh (NY), Goode, and Lewis (CA). **Page H13337**

Homeowners' Defense Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 3355, to ensure the availability and affordability of homeowners' insurance coverage for catastrophic events, by a recorded vote of 258 yeas to 155 noes, Roll No. 1074. **Pages H13337–70**

Rejected the Capito motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 175 yeas to 239 noes, Roll No. 1073. **Page H13367**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Pages H13345–50**

Accepted:

Murphy (CT) amendment (No. 14 printed in the Congressional Record of November 7, 2007) that includes language which clarifies mitigation measures and encourages state and local governments to develop comprehensive land use and zoning plans that include natural hazard mitigation; **Pages H13351–53**

Matheson amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of November 6, 2007) that requires annual reports to include an assessment of the costs to states and regions associated with catastrophe risk and an analysis of the costs and benefits of nonparticipation for states not participating in the consortium; **Pages H13357–58**

Klein (FL) amendment to the Brown-Waite amendment (No. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of November 6, 2007) that modifies the instruction prohibiting price gouging by replacing it with language discouraging price gouging; **Pages H13358–59**

Brown-Waite amendment (No. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of November 6, 2007) that inserts clarifying language related to price gouging;

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Putnam amendment (No. 15 printed in the Congressional Record of November 7, 2007) that inserts language prohibiting use of Federal funds of any kind or from any Federal source (including any disaster or other financial assistance, loan proceeds, and any other assistance or subsidy) to repay a loan (agreed by unanimous consent that the House vacate the ordering of a recorded vote on adoption of the amendment to the end that the Chair may put the question on the amendment de novo); and

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Klein (FL) amendment (No. 17 printed in the Congressional Record of November 7, 2007) that makes technical and conforming changes, adds a new title which inserts new provisions on reinsurance coverage for qualified reinsurance programs, and inserts provisions requiring a study on the need for conditional coverage of commercial residential lines of insurance (by a recorded vote of 253 ayes to 159 noes, Roll No. 1068).

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Rejected:

Roskam amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of November 6, 2007) that would have inserted clarifying language to the bill relating to best practices in building codes (by a recorded vote of 168 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 1069);

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Roskam amendment (No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record of November 6, 2007) that would have inserted clarifying language with respect to catastrophic loans and losses covered by such loans (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 1070);

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Manzullo amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of November 6, 2007) that would have inserted clarifying language relating to delinquency of loans made for assistance in connection with a natural or other major disaster (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 1071); and

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Shays amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of November 6, 2007) that would have inserted new text (by a recorded vote of 166 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 1072).

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Withdrawn:

Castor amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of November 6, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have inserted provisions which help to limit developer overbuilding in areas subject to risk of catastrophic financial loss and

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Campbell (CA) amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of November 6, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have provided for inclusion of business owners under the provisions of the bill.

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Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 802, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 1066, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 1065.

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Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008: The House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3043, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, by a yea-and-nay vote of 274 yeas to 141 nays, Roll No. 1075—clearing the measure for the President.

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H. Res. 794, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Tuesday, November 6th.

Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment and agreed to a conference on H.R. 3093, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

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Agreed to the Frelinghuysen motion to instruct conferees by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 1076.

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Appointed as conferees: Representatives Mollohan, Kennedy (RI), Fattah, Ruppertsberger, Schiff, Honda, DeLauro, Price (NC), Obey, Frelinghuysen, Culberson, Rogers (KY), Latham, Aderholt, and Lewis (CA).

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Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the national emergency declared with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–74).

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Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the national emergency declared with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–75).

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H13301, H13329.

Senate Referrals: S. 680 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes and ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H13311, H13313–14, H13319–20, H13320–21, H13329, H13335–36, H13336, H13336–37, H13364, H13364–65, H13365–66, H13366, H13366–67, H13368–69, H13369–70, H13386–87, H13388. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MRAP VEHICLE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces and Air and Land Forces held a hearing on the Joint Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicle Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John Young, Acting Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Director, MRAP, Task Force; Bill Greenwalt, Deputy Under Secretary, Industrial Policy; and CAPT Cloyes R. Hoover, USN, Commanding Officer, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, Charleston; and public witnesses.

SECURING RETIREMENT COVERAGE

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on Securing Retirement Coverage for Future Generations. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SAFE DRINKING WATER FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES ACT OF 2007

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action H.R. 1747, Safe Drinking Water for Healthy Communities Act of 2007.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007; JUBILEE ACT FOR RESPONSIBLE LENDING AND EXPANDED DEBT CANCELLATION OF 2007

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4051, Housing Assistance Authorization Act of H.R. 2007.

The Committee also held a hearing on H.R. 2634, Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Expanded Debt Cancellation of 2007. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEBANON ON THE BRINK

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on Lebanon on the Brink. Testimony was heard from C. David Welch, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

TERRORIST WATCH LIST

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled “The Progress and Pitfalls of the Terrorist Watch List.” Testimony was heard from Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General, Department of Justice; Eileen Larence, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; Leonard C. Boyle, Director, Terrorist Screening Center; and Kathleen Kraninger, Director, Screening Coordination Office, Department of Homeland Security.

OVERSIGHT—EFFECTIVENESS OF ENHANCED INTERROGATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held an oversight hearing on Torture and the Cruel, Inhuman, and Degrading Treatment of Detainees: The Effectiveness and Consequences of “Enhanced” Interrogation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRISON REFORM ACT REVIEW

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on Review of the Prison Reform Act: A Decade of Reform or an Increase in Prison and Abuses?; and H.R. 1889, Private Prison Information Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representative Holden; Ryan Bounds, Deputy Assistant Attorney General and Chief of Staff, Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

SAVE AMERICA COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law held a hearing on H.R. 750, Save America Comprehensive Immigration Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kilpatrick, Lee, Reyes and Boyda of Kansas; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE ACT OF 2007

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 3994, Department of the Interior Tribal Self-Governance Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Jim Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.